

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-6 (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) An ultrasonic treatment apparatus for performing a medical treatment to a living tissue, comprising:

a probe to which ultrasonic vibration is applied; and

a tip action unit that moves in an opening/closing manner with respect to the probe on operation of an operating section, wherein

the tip action unit includes

a jaw that moves in an opening/closing manner in response to the operation of the operating section; and

a grasping member pivotably supported by the jaw for grasping the living tissue with the probe,

the grasping member includes

a ~~[[first]]~~ body element molded of a heat resistant resin; and

~~a second element located inside the first element as a reinforcement in such a manner that the first element covers outer surface of the second element entirely a~~
reinforcement member embedded in the body element, and

the ultrasonic vibration is applied to the probe while grasping the living tissue between the probe and the tip action unit.

8. (Currently Amended) The ultrasonic treatment apparatus according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 7, wherein ~~the second element is a~~ the reinforcement member is made of a metallic material extended along an extending direction of the probe.

9. (Currently Amended) The ultrasonic treatment apparatus according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 7, wherein ~~the second element~~ the reinforcement member includes a portion pivotably supported by the jaw.

10. (Currently Amended) An ultrasonic treatment apparatus for performing a medical treatment to a living tissue, comprising:

a probe to which ultrasonic vibration is applied; and

a tip action unit that moves in an opening/closing manner with respect to the probe on operation of an operating section, wherein

the tip action unit includes

a jaw that moves in an opening/closing manner in response to the operation of the operating section; and

a grasping member pivotably supported by the jaw for grasping the living tissue with the probe,

the grasping member includes

~~at least a first~~ a body element molded of a heat resistant resin; and

~~a second element located inside the first element as a reinforcement in such a manner that the first element covers outer surface of the second element with at least a portion of the second element exposed~~ a reinforcement member fitted with the body element to cover a portion of the body element, and

the ultrasonic vibration is applied to the probe while grasping the living tissue between the probe and the tip action unit.

11. (Currently Amended) The ultrasonic treatment apparatus according to claim [[4]] 10, wherein a filling member is filled between the [[first]] body element and the ~~second element~~ reinforcement member to tightly contact the [[first]] body element with the ~~second element~~ reinforcement member.

12. (Currently Amended) The ultrasonic treatment apparatus according to claim [[4]] 10, wherein the ~~second element is a~~ reinforcement member is made of a metallic material extended along an extending direction of the probe.

13. (Currently Amended) The ultrasonic treatment apparatus according to claim [[4]] 10, wherein the ~~second element~~ reinforcement member includes a portion pivotably supported by the jaw.

14. (Cancelled)